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## **DECISION NOTICE FOR: Olsen Pond EA**

May 9, 2002

TO: Environmental Quality Council  
Director's Office, Dept. of Environmental Quality  
Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks

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Bob Harrington, DNRC Area Manager, Southern Land Office  
County Commissioners

Ladies and Gentlemen:

### **Description of the Proposed Action**

Mr. Kevin Olson of Yellowstone Ice and Water, Inc. has requested a commercial pond license to open a pay-to-fish operation near Red Lodge at the former site of the Crystal Springs commercial fish pond.

### **Public Process and Comment**

The pond was inspected by Warden Kevin Nichols and found to have appropriate screening to ensure that the rainbow trout proposed to be planted will not escape. No significant impacts are anticipated and no public comment was solicited. The application has been forwarded for review by the Fish Health Committee to decide whether a commercial pond permit should be issued.

### **Decision**

Based on the analysis in the Environmental Assessment (EA) and the applicable laws, regulations and policies, I have determined that this action will not have a significant effect on the natural or human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement will not be prepared.

It is my decision to implement the proposed action, and proceed with the work identified. By notification of this Decision Notice, the draft EA is hereby made the final EA without any modifications or additions. The final EA may be viewed at or obtained from Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks at the above address. Please direct any further requests or questions to Harvey Nyberg, Region 5 Supervisor, or Jim Darling, Region 5 Regional Fisheries Manager.

Sincerely,

Harvey E. Nyberg  
Regional Supervisor